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**PATENT  
MAIL STOP RCE**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re:	Patent Application Of	:	Group Art Unit:
	James A. HOXIE, et al.	:	1648
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	Deletion Mutations of Immunodeficiency	:	
	Virus GP120 Hypervariable Regions	:	

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

This Response is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on September 21, 2007, in connection with the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.11 and accompanying fee. No other fee is believed due for the filing of this response. Please charge any other fee that is due, and credit any overpayment, to deposit account no. 50-0573.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

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